

**A COMPOSITE PACKAGING MATERIAL HAVING A BASE LAYER OF PAPER
AND AN ATTACHED ADDITIONAL LAYER OR TUBULAR SLEEVE ENVELOPE
OF PLASTIC MATERIAL, PARTICULARLY FOR FOOD PRODUCTS, AND
METHOD FOR OBTAINING IT**

RELATED APPLICATION DATA

This application is a continuation-in-part based on U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/613,810, ^{now abandoned,} filed July 11, 2000, and it claims priority under 35 U.S.C. Section 119 based on Italian Patent Appln. No. RM99 U 000158, filed July 12, 1999. These applications are entirely incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention broadly relates to packaging materials, and more particularly, it concerns a composite, double component, paper based packaging material, especially useful for packaging food products.

Although this specification should be understood as requiring no restrictive limitations on the use of the disclosed packaging materials, materials produced according to the invention have been found to be particularly useful in the field of packaging materials for the retail sale of food products, particularly single piece and discrete products, such as bacon, cheese, meats, dairy products and like.

As is well known, as a consequence of established general practices, and in order to comply with the increasingly more restrictive and binding hygienical regulations, food products offered for retail sale to the public often are packaged in wrappings consisting of sheets of paper based material that are wrapped around the

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